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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand and supply mismatch in the cement industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total capacity created/consumption during the current year;

(c) whether the companies are artificially increasing the prices of cement;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any international seminar on cement and building material held in New Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): No Madam. The details of the total capacity, production and consumption for the last three years are as under :-

(in Million MT)

Year	Capacity	Production	Consumption
2007-08	178.77	168.32	164.03
2008-09	205.63	181.61	177.98
2009-10 (Apr-Sep)	113.41	96.73	94.76

It will be noted that cement consumption for all the periods has been lower than the production.

(c) & (d): Cement is a decontrolled commodity and its prices are governed by market forces depending upon factors like demand and supply, cost of production, distance from manufacturing centres, local taxes imposed by the State Government etc. The average all India retail price of cement has decreased from Rs.253 per bag in April, 2009 to Rs.245 per bag in October, 2009.

(e) & (f): The National Council for Cement and Building Materials organized its 11th International Seminar on Cement and Building Materials on 17-20 November, 2009, New Delhi. More than 600 delegates from India and abroad participated in the Seminar. The Seminar provided a comprehensive update of cement and construction technologies. It focused on latest developments in energy conservation, environmental protection, utilization of Waste Derived Fuels, application of Nano-technology for sustainable development of cement industry. In the concluding session of the Seminar, the NCB National Awards for Energy efficiency, Environmental and Quality excellence in cement industry were presented for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09.